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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/19/87 (MONROE, GERALD J.) OR-E
TAGS: SREF, PK, AF, SZ
SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REFS: A. STATE 64533, B. 80 BERN 6345, C. BERN 1235 (NOTAL)

1. SWISS AID OFFICIALS HAVE REACHED NO FIRM DECISIONS
ON REFUGEE RELIEF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF
THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS LIKELY AFRICAN PROBLEMS
WILL RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY (SEE REFTEL C).
(TOLD US THAT THE GOS REMAINS AWARE OF
AND SYMPATHETIC TO AFGHAN REFUGEE NEEDS. HE WAS HOPEFUL
THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY MOMENTOUS NATURAL DISASTER
(SUCH AS THE ITALIAN AND ALGERIAN EARTHQUAKES), THE SWISS
WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND MONEY FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN THEIR
"NATURAL DISASTER RESERVE FUND" SOMETIME AFTER JUNE.

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2. COMMENT. THE GOS IS CRITICALLY SHORT OF REFUGEE

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RELIEF FUNDING THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TIGHT FISCAL POLICY AND THE VIRTUAL DEPLETION OF ITS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CREDIT, WHICH LAPSES IN OCTOBER. THE DEMANDS ON THIS THREE-YEAR SF 270 MILLION PROGRAM HAVE BEEN MUCH HEAVIER THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED IN 1978 WHEN THE CREDIT WAS APPROPRIATED. AS A RESULT, THE GOS IS PLANNING TO SEEK A MUCH LARGER CREDIT FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1982.

3. WE HAVE PROVIDED: REFTEL A DATA, WHICH WE HOPE WILL HAVE SOME INFLUENCE ON MFA PLANNING FOR SECOND HALF 1981 REFUGEE RELIEF DISBURSEMENTS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH A RANKING MFA POLITICAL DIVISION OFFICIAL, WE ALSO RECEIVED A SYMPATHETIC HEARING WHEN WE REFERRED TO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PAKISTAN'S SITUATION. VINE

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